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JOHN ALEXANDER FORTIE AND EMMA JANE JEFFS FORTIE

John Alexander Fortie was born in Heber City, Wasatch County, September 30, 1872, son of Alexander Fortie and Rachel Howarth Fortie.

John's father was a carpenter and so John worked with him and learned the trade.



When John was 18 years old, his father passed away, leaving John with a widowed mother to care for. Later his mother married William M. Giles, and John went to make his home with his sister and brother-in-law, Joseph A. Murdock.

John was called on a mission to the Southern States in February, 1895, and spent three years laboring among the people there. Upon his return home he was an active member of the Sunday School Board and later worked in the Mutual and was a teacher in Sunday School.

Emma Jane Jeffs Fortie was born in Heber City, Wasatch County, May 14, 1875. She is the daughter of Mark Walker Jeffs and Mary Carlile Jeffs.

When three years old, her mother died, leaving her father with three small children, Eliza Ann, Mary Elizabeth, and herself. Her father later married Sarah Ann Chatwin, who was a very good mother to them and was loved by all. Emma worked in her father's store a number of years before she was married.

On January 11, 1899, she and John Alexander Fortie were married in the Salt Lake Temple. To this union were born 11 children, among them two sets of twins. Only five children are now living, three girls and two boys.

On January 12, John, with his mother and his wife, left by train for Thatcher, Arizona, to visit with his sister Pamalie Clegg. They stayed in Thatcher till the last of March of that year and upon their return trip home visited in San Francisco and the Golden Gate Park.

John worked in Emma's father's store on his return to Heber. Two years later Emma's father bought Bishop Dave Van Wagoner's store in Midway, and John and Emma moved to Midway to run the place. While

there, John was made a member of the Wasatch High Council, and also served as counselor to Bishop Jacob Probst. They lived in Midway seven years, and then the store was sold, and they returned to Heber. They were in Heber just a few weeks when John left for Duchesne to work in Al Murdock's store. His wife and children did not go there to make their home until the following year.

John was presiding Elder there until the ward was organized, and Al Murdock was made bishop and John chosen as his first counselor. Later, Victor Billings was bishop and John was a counselor to him.

While they lived in Duchesne they experienced the vicissitudes of pioneering. There were eight of them living in two small rooms. They had to carry their water from the river and in the summer it was always muddy, and in winter it was necessary to break the ice to obtain it. Sickness and death also visited their home, losing a set of twins while there. One of their children lay near death's door with typhoid fever for thirteen weeks. They also experienced all the childhood diseases with their family. During one of the many windstorms they lost the roof of their home.

After Emma's stepmother's death her father wanted them to return to Heber and work for him in his coal and lumber business, which later they owned and operated many years.

On the 29th day of October, 1916, John was ordained a Patriarch of Wasatch Stake and served in this position until his death.

Other positions he held were mayor of Heber City, county commissioner, and president of the school board.

Emma worked in the Stake Relief Society as secretary, a position she held nine years. She was a counselor to Maybell Moulton in the Second Ward Relief Society and later served as president.

Emma and her sister Eliza had the pleasure of going to Mesa to the dedication of the Mesa Temple, and also visited with their sisters living there.

On November 18, 1953, John was stricken with a stroke and was confined to his bed three and one-half years. He passed away June 2, 1957.

Emma is still living and is 83 years old. She lives in her own home, does her own work and is still enjoying good health.

JOSEPH GALLI AND ANNA TOMINE MARIE CHRISTENSEN GALLI

Joseph Galli, born April 29, 1867, Big Cottonwood, Salt Lake County. Son of Peter Galli and Anna Marie Schneider Galli. Married Anna Tomine Marie Christensen March 16, 1888. Died March 2, 1945, Midway.

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Sogn, Denmark. Daughter of Jens Christian Christensen and Ane Katrina Jensen. Married Joseph Galli. Died December 14, 1948, Midway.

Peter Galli reared a large family, but Joseph Galli was the only son to establish a home in Midway to keep the Galli name here.

When a small boy, Joseph herded cows in the foothills for the people of Midway. At the age of 13, he began to work in and around the mines of Park City. He helped install the first hoists at the Daly West and Morgan mines. He was a carpenter, a very successful farmer. Prominent in church and civic affairs. He was the first town Marshal of Midway, served two terms as member of the town board, four years on the Amusement committee, was director of the Irrigation Company and the Water Works Company. He was first in town to pipe water into his home.

He was a ward teacher for 40 years, first assistant in the MIA, counselor in the Genealogical committee. He was a High Priest at the time of his death. He loved Midway and did all he could to build and beautify the town.

Anna came to Utah July 22, 1875, with her parents who were converts to the LDS church. They settled in Pleasant Grove.

She and Joseph made their home in Midway, with the exception of several years spent in Pleasant Grove, Eureka and Park City soon after their marriage.

She was always active in the LDS Church. She served as a Sunday School teacher, Bee Keeper in the YWMLA, Relief Society visiting teacher and leader of the sewing in Relief Society for 15 years, during which time she had the responsibility of sewing and making burial clothing for the dead in the Midway 1st Ward. She was called many times to take complete care of the dead and prepare them for burial. She was active in

the Red Cross. She sewed and knit many articles for soldiers in World War One. She was a midwife and practical nurse to all the neighborhood. She helped the doctor deliver 150 babies and delivered four without the aid of a doctor. Besides sewing all the clothing for her eleven children, she did sewing for many of the townspeople.

Joseph and Anna worked as a team in fun as well as work. They loved to dance, travel and visit. They raised a big vegetable garden that helped to supply Park City and the valley with fresh vegetables. Her hobby was to see how many different kinds of varieties of flowers she could raise in this climate. She was the first in the valley to raise peonies and dahlias in her beautiful flower garden. Her gorgeous flower garden was known and enjoyed throughout the valley. Lovely bouquets and baskets have brought cheer to the sick and homebound, to church, festivals and fairs where they have brought many honors.

Joseph and Anna Galli celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, and had Joseph lived 14 more days they would have observed their 57th wedding anniversary.

Children of Joseph Galli and Anna Tomine Marie Christensen Galli:

Mrs. Lewis (Ora) Sweat, 1st husband Hyrum Shelton;

Joseph Clarence, married Hazel Sharp;

Mrs. Joseph (Pearl Melinda) Street;

Mary Luella, died in youth;

Mrs. Orvel (Bertha) Sweat;

Ervan Leo, died in youth;

Mrs. (Ruby Ann) Cluff;

Reed, married Zora LeSieur;

Mrs. Francis Alma (Alice Lavina) Probst;

Lewis Leonard, married Florence Edwards;

John Lester, married Edna Mae Lewis Dimich.